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Atty. Docket No.: P63215US1

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This is a request for filing a [] continuation or [X] divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of prior application Serial No.09/206,161 filed on December 7, 1998, entitled CLOSED HEAT-DECOMPOSING APPLIANCE, PRETREATMENT METHOD OF SAMPLE USING IT, ANALYTICAL METHOD AND DEVICE THEREFOR by the following inventor(s):

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Enclosed is a copy of the prior application including the Declaration as originally filed.

- [X] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
 - 2. [] Cancel claim(s) for purposes of lessening filing fees.
 - [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
 - 4. [] This application is filed under Rule 53(f) and therefore the no filing fee is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended by 1 and/or 2 above.

| Basic Fee | | | \$355 | | \$710 |
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| Total Claims 13 - 20 | 0 = 0 | x 9 = | \$ | x 18 = | \$ |
| Ind. Claims 1 - 3 | = 0 | x 40 = | \$ | x 80 = | \$ |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | | +135 = | \$ | + 270 = | \$ |
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5. [X] A check in the amount of \$710 is enclosed.

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[X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

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- 12. [] New formal drawings are enclosed.
- 13. [X] Enclosed is a copy of each Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Form USPTO 1449 that was filed in a prior application relied on for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.
- 14. [X] Enclosed is a copy each Form USPTO 892 that was filed in a prior application relied on for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.
- 15. [] Also enclosed is:

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